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Re Application Of:
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/091,894	March 6, 2002	Bradford C. Pantuck		3731	6289

Invention: APPARATUS FOR LIGATING LIVING TISSUES

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 12/13/2004 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☐ Two months ☒ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: 3/13/2005 until: 6/13/2005
Date Date

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	23 -	23 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	4 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$1,020.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$1,020.00

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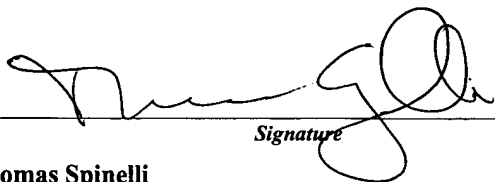
**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$1,020.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP**
- ☐ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP**.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

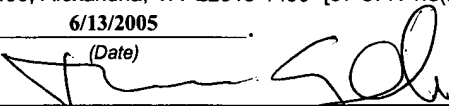
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Dated: **June 13, 2005**

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